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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: SA-7'S

REF: DAMASCUS 165

1. CONCUR IN CONTENT AND THRUST OF YOUR PRESENTATION TO SHIHABI, WHICH YOU MAY REPEAT IN OTHER CHANNELS AND AT OTHER LEVELS AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. YOU MAY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AS WELL.

2. SHIHABI IMPLIES WITH HINT OF A THREAT THAT SA'IQA CONTROL OF SA-7'S COULD SLIP IF THERE IS ACCELERATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY SEEMS TO BE CASE. SUGGEST YOU MAKE SAME POINT HERE AS YOU DID RE CONTROL OF SA-7'S, I.E., THAT PROBLEM IS THAT IRRESPONSIBLE PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESCALATE MILITARY ACTION IN THE AIM OF SABOTAGING NEGOTIATIONS. THIS SIMPLY UNDERSCORES NEED FOR SARG TO ASSURE THAT WEAPONS OF THIS TYPE ARE KEPT UNDER

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STRICT CONTROL OF SYRIAN ARMED FORCES IN SYRIA.

3. RECENT INCIDENT AT ORLY AIRPORT WITH BAZOOKA-TYPE WEAPON IN WHICH A YUGOSLAV AIRLINER WAS HIT ILLUSTRATES DRAMATICALLY CATASTROPHE WHICH WAS AVOIDED IN THIS INSTANCE BUT WHICH COULD BE REPEATED WITH SA-7'S WITH PROBABLY GREATER DEVASTATION. PUBLICITY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH CASES

IS LIKELY TO PUT SIMILAR IDEAS INTO HEADS OF REJECTIONISTS AND OTHERS WHO DO NOT SHARE USG SARG INTEREST IN PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE SETTLEMENT AND WHO MIGHT VERY WELL INITIATE SA-7 ATTACK AGAINST CIVILIAN AIRLINER TO SABOTAGE SUCH EFFORTS.

4. SHOULD WE BECOME AWARE OF ANY SUPPLIES OF SA-7'S TO FEDAYEEN IN LEBANON FROM NON-SARG SOURCES, WE WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE DEMARCHES TO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. FYI: WE KNOW OF NONE OF NON-SYRIAN ORIGIN FOR CERTAIN BUT DO NOT RULE OUT SUCH POSSIBILITY IN FUTURE. END FYI. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT VIRTUALLY ALL SUCH WEAPONS NOW IN FEDAYEEN HANDS IN LEBANON ARE FROM SYRIAN SOURCES. KISSINGER

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